Working to honor the thousands of women each year who are stricken with cervical cancer, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) led the fight to pass H.RES. 1011, a resolution written and introduced by Halvorson to highlight the importance of early cervical cancer screenings.

"Across our country almost a dozen women die every day from cervical cancer, and 30 are diagnosed," said Halvorson. "These women are mothers and sisters, daughters and wives, and they are taken away from their friends and families too soon, for a cause that can be largely prevented through early screenings. This resolution should serve as a reminder that every day we lose a dozen mothers that we don't have to. This resolution is in honor of those victims and their families, and an attempt to fight for a day when cervical cancer is a thing of a past."

A life-long advocate for cervical health, Congresswoman Halvorson was a vocal leader in calling for early screenings as an Illinois State Senator, and has pushed for greater access to affordable health care as a member of Congress.

Full text of the bill can be found <u>here</u>. The resolution passed by a margin of 400-0. A video of Halvorson's speech on the floor of the House supporting the bill can be found by clicking on the thumbnail below.